

# Georgia Composite Medical Board Teleconference Call

March 18, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 5:02 p.m. with the following members present:

## **Board Members Present:**

Gretchen Collins, MD, Chair  
Barby J. Simmons, DO, Chair  
John S. Antalis, MD  
Williams Bostock, DO  
Debi Dalton, MD  
E. Dan Deloach, MD  
Charmaine Faucher, PA Ex-officio  
Alexander Gross, MD  
Shawn Hanley, Consumer Member  
Thomas Harbin, MD  
Rob Law, CFA, Consumer Member  
J. Jeffery Marshall, MD  
David Retterbush, MD

## **Staff Present:**

LaSharn Hughes, Executive Director  
Lisa Norris, Deputy Executive Director  
Jonathan McGehee, Dir. of Investigations  
Gina Haskins, Licensure Manager  
Max Changus, Assistant Attorney General

## **Board Members Absent:**

Andrew Reisman, MD

## **Closed Session**

Motion Dr. Norman, seconded Dr. Retterbush to go into closed session to discuss investigative matters.

## **Open Session**

Dr. Collins declared open session.

Case No. 20201189.

Motion Dr. Gross, seconded Dr. Marshall and motion carried to send a letter of concern. Dr. Retterbush recused.

## **Guidelines**

The Board will post a link to the CDC guidelines on the Board's website.

Motion Dr. Marshall, seconded Dr. Harbin to accept guidelines written by Dr. Gross for the Board's website that address the COVID-19, which encourages licensed prescribers to follow CDC guidelines in leveraging telemedicine technologies in order to protect patients and the healthcare workforce. Motion carried.

**Emergency Rule**

Motion Dr. Gross, seconded Dr. Weil to vote to adopt the following Rule:

Rule 360-3-.08 “Practice Through Electronic or Other Such Means during a State of Emergency”

The Staff had questions from licensees and credentialing agencies regarding if the Board’s Rules have been relaxed relating to the supervision of APRNs and PAs. The Board advised the staff to notify everyone that it does not have the authority to relax the law.

**April Meeting**

The Board will not have a face-to-face meeting over the COVID concerns but will conduct the business of the Board by teleconference and convene at 8:00 am on April 2, 2020.

There being no further business, motion Dr. Weil, seconded Dr. Harbin to adjourn the meeting at 6:08 p.m.

**Recorded by:**

LaSharn Hughes, MBA  
Executive Director